

Appln No. 09/923,676

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 16-20 and 31-33 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 for failing to point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claims 19, 20, and 31-33 have been cancelled, leaving only claims 16-18 subject to this rejection. New claims 34 and 35 are presented for examination.

Claim 16 has been amended to state that the first and second modes operate alternatively. This clarifies how the two modes function with respect to each other.

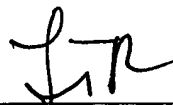
The term "signal processors" in claim 16 are not intended to be limited to VSB signal processors.

In view of the amendments made at this time and the foregoing remarks, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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